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SUBJECT: FUNDING OF FAA-CAAG BY GOZ

REF: (A) KINSHASA 1937; (B) KINSHASA 2005

FOR FAA CHIEF CAAG MOORE FROM FAA/AIA/28 MR. CARY

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO THREE POINTS REFERRED TO IN
KINSHASA 2005:

(A) AS YOU ARE AWARE MOA WITH GOZ FOR FAA SERVICES REQUIRES PERIODIC ADVANCE PAYMENTS. BASED ON TERMINATION OF AID LOAN DURING JANUARY 1975 AND OUR SEPT. 27, 1974 REQUEST FOR CASH ADVANCE OF 480,000 DOLLARS, JANUARY-JUNE PERIOD PROGRAMMED AS BEING PART OF A SPECIAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT. CONSEQUENTLY FAA FISCAL CEILINGS FOR THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS IMPOSED BY OMB DO NOT PROVIDE FOR CAAG EXPENSES ESTIMATED FOR JANUARY TO JUNE PERIOD. DELAY OF GOZ TO REMIT 480,000 DOLLARS ADVANCE CONTINUES PLACING FAA IN UNTENABLE POSITION REGARDING FUNDING OF CAAG OPERATIONS.

(B) REGARDING CAAG EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 1975. FAA WILLING TO ENTERTAIN REQUEST FROM THE GOZ TO PLACE PROGRAM UNDER NORMAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF
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ADVANCE PAYMENT METHOD PRESENTLY INCORPORATED IN CURRENT AGREEMENT AT GOZ INSISTENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, FAA POLICY REQUIRES QUARTERLY BILLINGS AND ASSURANCE THAT FOREIGN GOVT HAS ABILITY TO REMIT PAYMENTS WITHIN 30-45 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF FAA BILLS. TIMELY PAYMENTS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE FAA APPROPRIATED FUNDS USED TO FINANCE ITS OWN PROGRAMS WOULD ALSO BE USED TO INITIALLY FINANCE CAAG EXPENSES. THEREFORE, DELAY PAYMENTS COULD RESULT IN FAA NOT HAVING AMPLE CASH ON HAND TO COVER ITS OWN PROGRAM AND EXPENSES. IN VIEW OF PAST AND CURRENT PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES THIS COULD PRESENT A PROBLEM IN OBTAINING AGENCY APPROVAL TO CHANGE PAYMENT TO REIMBURSABLE BASIS FOR GOZ. IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF 480,000 DOLLARS ADVANCE WOULD ENHANCE GOZ REQUEST SINCE IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE ABILITY TO PAY.

(C) AGREEMENT WITH GOZ PRESENTLY REQUIRES FAA SUBMISSION TO ZAIRE MINISTER OF FINANCE, AND ACCOUNTING OF DEBTS DISBURSEMENT AGAINST CASH ADVANCE AT TIME OUR REQUEST IS FORWARDED FOR A SUBSEQUENT CASH ADVANCE. THIS SUBMISSION NORMALLY TAKES PLACE 30 DAYS BEFORE EXPIRATION OF PERIOD FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE ADVANCED. RESUME REQUESTED WILL BE FORWARDED AT THAT TIME OR IF MOA AMENDED TO PROVIDE FINANCING ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS, AT END OF PERIOD.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR FAA CONSIDERATION IN PLACING PROGRAM ON CONVENTIONAL REIMBURSABLE BASIS, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAVE APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT RETURNED FOR SIGNATURE WITHIN 30 DAYS. IF CONSUMMATED, FIRST GOZ PAYMENT (FOR THIRD QUARTER CY 75) ESTIMATED AT 250,000 DOLLARS MUST REACH FAA BY APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 1, 1975. IN INTERIM, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT GOZ EXPEDITE ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 1975 MENTIONED KINSHASA 1937. INGERSOLL

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